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REF: AMMAN 305, TOSEC 10048 (S/S NO, 7601314)

PLEASE TELL KING HUSSEIN THAT I APPRECIATED HIS INVITATION TO GIVE HIM MY THOUGHTS ABOUT HIS PLANNED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASAD. I WOULD SAY THAT THE COUNSELS OF RESTRAINT AND MODERATION HE PLANS TO COMMUNICATE TO ASAD AND THE SYRIANS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR COMMON INTERESTS, FOR I SHARE HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN LEBANON.

YOU MAY TELL HUSSEIN THAT, IN MY JUDGMENT, SYRIA CAN AFFECT THE FUTURE COURSE OF EVENTS IN LEBANON IN SIGNIFICANT WAYS EITHER POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY. THIS IS WHY THE REPORTED MOVEMENT OF PLA UNITS INTO LEBANON IS A MATTER OF
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GRAVE CONCERN. THE ISRAELIS ARE CERTAIN TO DETECT THEM,

AND POSSIBLY INTERPRET THIS AS STEP TOWARD OUTRIGHT SYRIAN INTERVENTION. THEY HAVE TOLD US REPEATEDLY THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT SYRIAN INTERVENTION. WE HAVE SO FAR HELD THEM OFF BUT BEYOND A CERTAIN POINT EVENTS WOULD BECOME UNMANAGEABLE.

BECAUSE OF THE DANGERS, I HOPE THAT HUSSEIN WILL ENCOURAGE THE SYRIANS TO CONTROL THE FEDAYEEN WITH WHOM THEY HAVE INFLUENCE AND REFRAIN FROM ALLOWING FUTURE PLA OR SIMILAR UNITS TO ENTER LEBANON.

IN ADDITION, YOU MAY TELL HUSSEIN FOR HIS VERY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT IN PAST 24 HOURS WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR AMBASSADORS TO BE IN TOUCH WITH BOTH SYRIANS AND ISRAELIS ABOUT DANGERS OF UNILATERAL INTERVENTION. WITH SYRIANS, WE HAVE ALSO COMMENDED THEIR EFFORTS AND MEDIATION LOOKING TOWARD POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION AND COMPROMISE BY ALL REPEAT ALL CONCERNED LEBANESE FACTIONS, AND HAVE REAFFIRMED OUR SUPPORT FOR KARAME.

FINALLY, YOU MAY TELL HIM WE STRONGLY OPPOSE PARTITION AND BELIEVE ANYTHING HUSSEIN CAN DO TO PERSUADE CHRISTIAN MILITANTS IN LEBANON THAT THEIR BEST INTERESTS LIE IN REACHING A NEGOTIATED ACCOMMODATION THAT RECOGNIZES NEED FOR SOME COMPROMISE WITH MOSLEMS, WHILE SAFEGUARDING LONG RUN SECURITY OF THEIR COMMUNITY, WOULD BE HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN OF STABILITY AND SANITY. END MESSAGE.
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